

## Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA

## § 29.2310

phase of quality, color, or length; or any peculiar characteristics of tobacco.

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### **§ 29.2297 Size.**

The length of tobacco leaves. (See chart, § 29.2371.)

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### **§ 29.2298 Sound.**

Free of damage.

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### **§ 29.2299 Special factor.**

A symbol or term authorized to be used with specified grades. Tobacco to which a special factor is applied may meet the general specifications but has a peculiar side or characteristic which tends to modify the grade. (See Rule 10, § 29.2401.)

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### **§ 29.2300 Steam-dried.**

The condition of unfermented tobacco as customarily prepared for storage by means of a redrying machine or other steam-conditioning equipment.

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### **§ 29.2301 Stem.**

The midrib or large central vein of a tobacco leaf.

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### **§ 29.2302 Stemmed.**

A form of tobacco, including strips and strip scrap, from which the stems or midribs have been removed.

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### **§ 29.2303 Strength.**

The stress a tobacco leaf can bear without tearing. (See chart, § 29.2351.)

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### **§ 29.2304 Strips.**

The sides of a tobacco leaf from which the stem has been removed or a lot of tobacco composed of strips.

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### **§ 29.2305 Subgrade.**

Any grade modified by a special factor symbol.

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### **§ 29.2306 Sweated.**

The condition of tobacco which has passed through one or more fermentations natural to tobacco packed with a normal percentage of moisture. This condition is sometimes described as aged.

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### **§ 29.2307 Sweating.**

The condition of tobacco in the process of fermentation.

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### **§ 29.2308 Tobacco.**

Tobacco as it appears between the time it is cured and stripped from the stalk, or primed and cured, and the time it enters into the different manufacturing processes. The acts of stemming, sweating, and conditioning are not regarded as manufacturing processes. Tobacco, as used in these standards, does not include manufactured or semimanufactured products, stems, cuttings, clippings, trimmings, siftings, or dust.

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### **§ 29.2309 Tobacco products.**

Manufactured tobacco, including cigarettes, cigars, smoking tobacco, chewing tobacco, and snuff.

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### **§ 29.2310 Type.**

A division of a class of tobacco having certain common characteristics and closely related grades. Tobacco

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which has the same characteristics and corresponding qualities, colors, and lengths is classified as one type, regardless of any factors of historical or geographical nature which cannot be determined by an examination of the tobacco.

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### § 29.2311 Type 21.

That type of fire-cured tobacco, known as Virginia Fire-cured or Dark-fired, produced principally in the Piedmont and mountain sections of Virginia.

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### § 29.2312 Undried.

The condition of unfermented tobacco which has not been air-dried or steam-dried.

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### § 29.2313 Uniformity.

An element of quality which describes the consistency of a lot of tobacco as it is prepared for market. Uniformity is expressed as a percentage in grade specifications. (See Rule 15, § 29.2406.)

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### § 29.2314 Unsound (U).

Damaged under 20 percent. (See Rule 20, § 29.2411.)

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### § 29.2315 Unstemmed.

A form of tobacco, including whole leaf and leaf scrap, from which the stems or midribs have not been removed.

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### § 29.2316 Wet (W).

Any sound tobacco containing excessive moisture to the extent that it is in unsafe or doubtful-keeping order. Wet applies to any tobacco which is not damaged but which is likely to damage if treated in the customary manner.

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(See Rule 21, § 29.2412.) (For extremely wet or watered tobacco, see Rule 22, § 29.2413.)

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### § 29.2317 Width.

The relative breadth of a tobacco leaf expressed in relation to its length. (See chart, § 29.2351.)

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## ELEMENTS OF QUALITY

### § 29.2351 Elements of quality and degrees of each element.

Tobacco attributes or characteristics which constitute quality are designated as elements of quality. The range within each element is expressed by words or terms designated as degrees. These degrees are arranged to show their relative value and are used in determining the quality of tobacco. The actual value of each degree varies with group.

| Elements              |                 | Degrees        |                   |
|-----------------------|-----------------|----------------|-------------------|
| Body .....            | Thin .....      | Medium .....   | Heavy.            |
| Maturity .....        | Immature .....  | Mature .....   | Ripe.             |
| Leaf structure .....  | Close .....     | Firm .....     | Open.             |
| Oil .....             | Lean .....      | Oily .....     | Rich.             |
| Elasticity .....      | Inelastic ..... | Semielastic .. | Elastic.          |
| Strength .....        | Weak .....      | Normal .....   | Strong.           |
| Finish .....          | Dull .....      | Clear .....    | Bright.           |
| Color intensity ..... | Pale .....      | Moderate ..... | Deep.             |
| Width .....           | Narrow .....    | Normal .....   | Spready<br>Broad. |

Uniformity. Expressed in percentages.

Injury tolerance. Expressed in percentages.

## SIZES

### § 29.2371 Standard sizes.<sup>1</sup>

| Inches        | Size |
|---------------|------|
| 12–20 .....   | 1    |
| 20–28 .....   | 2    |
| Over 28 ..... | 3    |

<sup>1</sup> The application of sizes is governed by the major portion of the lot or package.

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## RULES

### § 29.2391 Rules.

The application of these official standard grades shall be in accordance with the following rules.